

APPEAL NO. 020861  
FILED MAY 16, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing (CCH) was held on March 20, 2002. The appellant (carrier) appeals the hearing officer's determinations that the respondent (claimant) sustained a compensable injury on \_\_\_\_\_, and that the claimant had disability from \_\_\_\_\_, through the date of the CCH, contending the determinations are against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence. The claimant responds, urging affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

It is undisputed that the claimant had two previous back surgeries unrelated to the \_\_\_\_\_, injury. However, it is axiomatic, in case law having to do with aggravation, that the employer accepts the employee as he is when he enters employment. Gill v. Transamerica Insurance Company, 417 S.W.2d 720, 723 (Tex. Civ. App.-Dallas 1967, no writ). A predisposing bodily infirmity will not preclude compensation. Sowell v. Travelers Insurance Company, 374 S.W.2d 412 (Tex. 1963).

After review of the record before us and the complained-of determinations, we have concluded that there is sufficient support for the hearing officer's decision. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CORPORATE SERVICES COMPANY  
800 BRAZOS STREET  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701.**

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Roy L. Warren  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Gary L. Kilgore  
Appeals Judge

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge